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A new chapter

K-State grads, parents recall traditions of '70s

By Chantelle Pritchett
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Back when our parents went to college, the Farrah Fawcett hairdo was all the rage and a polyester-clad John Travolta was dancing his way into the hearts of Americans.

The disco-dancing days of our parents' college years are a far cry from our own.

But even then, K-State traditions played a role in the university experience. Faculty members with long ties to K-State, as well as students' parents who are also K-State graduates, look back on these memories.

PERIOD OF DISSENT

As the Vietnam War came to a close, the "Period of Dissent," as it was referred to in the Collegian then, was beginning to wane.

"Back in the late '60s, Martin Luther King Jr. and Bobby Kennedy were both killed just weeks after they spoke here," said K-State Library Research Specialist Pat Patton.

Patton worked as the dorm director of Edwards Hall, the now de-bunked athletic dorm, in the 1960s and 1970s.

"My first year there was when protest were big," said Lisa Freeman, who graduated from K-State's College of Arts and Sciences in 1979. "I remember sitting in my English composition class and hearing Iranians chanting, 'The Shah is a fascist pig' and 'Down with the Shah.'"

Patton said James McCain, then president of K-State, helped stabilize the campus by passing an open-door policy that allowed students to come in and talk to him at any time.

With a war raging around them, people at K-State found it difficult to participate in outdated traditions that now seemed frivolous and unnecessary.

In 1973, the tradition of having a Homecoming Queen had diminished, and most other queen competitions, like Wheat Queen and City of Manhattan Queen, followed suit.

"We needed to get serious because there was a war going on," Patton said.

However, in 1977, K-State administrators came up with a new way of distinguishing positive student representatives by establishing the K-State Ambassadors, who are still elected by the student body today.

MOVING ON

Though some traditions disappeared with the Vietnam War, most of them survived the "Period of Dissent." Traditions like the biannual canoe race between the University of Kansas and Kansas State University remained.

Teams from both universities raced down the Kansas River from Manhattan to Lawrence in a two-day race, which occurred every semester, Freeman said. Several teams consisting of 15 to 20 people represented each school.

Since only three people could fit in the boat at once, the other teammates raced through cornfields to catch up with the boats and switch off. At night, the teams partied on St. Mary's sandbar, Freeman said.

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Royal Purple resurrects 50s beauty pageant

By Sydney Eagleton
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

To celebrate the 100th edition of the Royal Purple yearbook, old traditions are returning. The Royal Purple Queen, a beauty contest popular in the 1950s, is coming back to K-State with some alterations.

"It's our 100th anniversary, so we're intent on making this a special book," said Linda Puntney, RP adviser. "The staff very much wanted to bring back this contest, because it was a really unique thing the Royal Purple did, and they thought it would be a neat way to celebrate being 100."

Though in the past the Royal Purple Queen was primarily a beauty contest, the resurrected version will be based on more than just appearance.

"We're adding a king, and we're not doing it based on beauty," said Alex Yocum, fifth-year student in journalism and editor for the RP. "That's very '50s and old school, and we're



ROYAL PURPLE FILE PHOTO

The Royal Purple Queen, popular in the 1950s, makes a return this year — and is joined by a new Royal Purple King

the now, not the then."

The Royal Purple Queen began in 1915 as a popularity contest that included a queen, attendants and a ball.

The yearbook staff chose to stop hosting the contest in the '70s, Puntney said.

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BREAKING NEWS

Manhattan High School closes for two bomb threats

By Joel Aschbrenner
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan High School West campus received two bomb threats on Thursday.

All students and faculty members were safely evacuated and no bombs were found, according to the Riley County Police Department.

The first bomb threat was called in directly to the school at about 11 a.m. The RCPD received the second threat in a telephone call at about 1 p.m.

Students were evacuated from the building at about 2 p.m., and faculty left shortly after, according to Michele Jones, communications coordinator for Manhattan-Ogden USD 383.

Three members of the Kansas Highway Patrol Unit searched the building. They declared the building safe just after 6 p.m. and released control of the building back to school administration. The police are still investigating the origin of the call.

Students were not told of the bomb threat Thursday at school, but were told they had to evacuate the building, and the remainder of classes were canceled for the day.

There is no class for Manhattan High School students today because of parent/teacher conferences. The conferences were delayed last night while the building was being searched.

The school's administration takes different precautions when there is a concern about the school's safety, but the actions depend on the type and severity of the threat, Jones said.

"We take all threats seriously," she said. "This time we decided to evacuate the building."

The school's first action, however, is always to call the police department, she said.

High-end comics turn into art exhibit



Joslyn Brown | COLLEGIAN

Bart Beaty, associate professor of Media Studies at the University of Calgary, reads parts of his upcoming book at the Mariana Kistler Beach Museum.

By Whitney Hodgins
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Bart Beaty is a comic scholar. Not on George Carlin or Dane Cook, but rather people like Gary Panter and Robert Crumb — big names in the evolving world of comic art. And in conjunction with the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum's exhibit BLAB!: An Introspective, he spoke to a crowd of 30 about the impact the comic stills hanging on walls just a lobby away have on the world of art.

It has been an uphill battle, Beaty said, for comic artists to define their

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Looking ahead

There's plenty to watch this weekend, but you don't have to stay home

Friday

"Kung Fu Panda" PG

Hearing the sentence "Jack Black is a panda," should be reason enough to see this movie. See if you can guess what other stars join Jack Black in the film.

8 p.m. Forum Hall in the K-State Student Union
Admission: \$1
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Saturday

Football

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What should you do on Saturday? Go tailgate and support the Cats. Duh!

2:35 p.m.
Bill Snyder Family Stadium

Sunday

"Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" R

John Conner and his crew tried to stop the machines in "Terminator 2," but did they succeed? If not, Claire Danes and Nick Stohl might be humanity's only hope. But then again, we always have Christian Bale.

7:30 p.m. FX (channel 101 on campus, 31 off campus)

THE BLOTTER

ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

WEDNESDAY

Vince Proctor, Fort Riley, was arrested at 9:30 a.m. for theft; burglary of a building, manufactured home, mobile home, tent or other structure which is a dwelling, with intent to commit a felony, theft or sexual battery therein; and aggravated burglary. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Tyree Montez McDaniel, Kansas City, Kan., was arrested at 1:58 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Dustin Brian Laroche, Lower Brule, S.D., was arrested at 8:03 p.m. for failure to appear and probation violation. Bond was set at \$3,500.

Jessica Nicole Flanagan, 1300 Marlatt Ave., Apt. 1203, was arrested at 9:50 p.m. for battery. Bond was set at \$500.

Jonathan Terrell Nobles, Junction City, was arrested at 9:55 p.m. for obstruction of the legal process and violation of a protective order. Bond was set at \$2,000.

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THE PLANNER

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

Join head football coach Ron Prince and director of the School of Leadership Studies Susan M. Scott for a discussion of modern leadership from noon to 1 p.m. today in the K-State Student Union, Room 212. The forum is open to all students, faculty and community members.

K-State's 80th Family Day will be Saturday. K-State students and their family members are invited to enjoy a full day of activities for all ages. For more information and a full schedule of events, visit www.k-state.edu/familyday.

WildKAT Chase is an annual charity 5K run/walk through campus sponsored by Kappa Alpha Theta. This year's event will be at 9 a.m. Sunday. Late registration can be done the day of the race from 8 to 8:45 a.m. and costs \$15. All proceeds benefit CASA of Riley County. To register, contact Marissa at mdorau@ksu.edu.

Fort Riley's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is sponsoring the Fall Festival Fun Run at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. The 1.12-mile run will start at the intersection of Sheridan and Forsyth avenues in front of Trooper monument and kick off the day's festivities. There is no cost to participate, and participants will receive prizes.

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WIRELESS LIFESTYLE

Policy expert discusses today’s U.S.-Muslim relationship

By Jelani Yancey
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

John Esposito, professor of religion and international affairs at Georgetown University, presented a speech on relationships and conflicts between the United States and Muslim countries on Thursday afternoon in the K-State Student Union’s Forum Hall.

“We’re not talking about a clash of religions or cultures. It’s a clash of interests. It’s a clash that has to do with policy,” Esposito said.

Esposito serves as a senior adviser with the Gallup Organization, a national and global polling organization. As part of an annual global poll, Gallop surveyed 50,000 people in 35 Muslim countries about their attitudes toward America.

In his presentation, entitled “The U.S. and the Muslim World: Letter to the Next President,” Esposito shared the results of the poll with the audience.

“Much of the data goes

against conventional wisdom,” he said.

He explained that the news media often gives undue face time to extremists and Islamic radicals, which gives Americans a false view of the beliefs of a majority of Muslims.

“The problem is ‘Who gets the attention?’ ‘What does the media cover?’ The latest explosion comes to represent what Muslims are,” Esposito said.

In giving undeserved air time to extremists, the news media creates a false perception of the real views of a majority of Muslims, he said.

“Bin Laden will not say ‘I represent a minority of what Muslims think,’” Esposito said.

Islamic extremists hate America, but for most Muslims – just like for most citizens in Europe, South America and other areas of the world – anti-American sentiment results from American foreign policy, he said.

Other countries admire America’s culture and values,

but feel America is “neocolonial” and that America holds a double standard with regard to the promotion of democracy.

While the U.S. claims to support democracy, it often also supports authoritarian regimes with leaders who are “America-friendly,” he said.

“The primary driver [of conflict] is not religion. It’s political grievances,” he said.

“Those are things no one ever hears about,” said Tames Toyama, U.S. Army captain who attended Esposito’s presentation. “All we ever see is Bin Laden.”

Once more, people realize that our conflicts are a clash of interests, not civilizations, policy makers can start coming up with real solutions, Toyama said, who also has a master’s degree in Islamic studies.

Many Americans falsely believe that most Muslims blindly carry an anti-American outlook, Esposito said.

When asked about what they like about the United

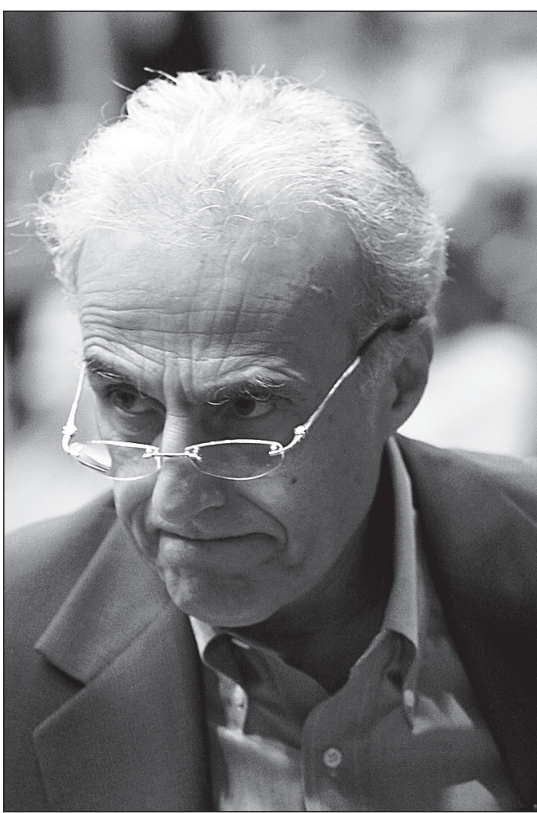
States, a majority of Muslims reported admiring American technology, economic development, work ethics, democracy and freedom of expression, Esposito said.

By contrast, when Americans were polled on what they admire in Muslim culture, 57 percent reported “nothing,” Esposito said. This statistic epitomizes the denigration many Muslims feel is at the heart of American attitudes toward Islam, he said.

“This shows that 57 percent of Americans don’t know what the Muslim world and culture is,” said Nikmohd Izham, graduate student in plant pathology. “That attitude will affect policy.”

Esposito also said our next president must address the growing fear of Islam in America, or we will be facing a problem with the civil liberties of mainstream Muslim citizens.

Esposito’s speech was the first presented by K-State’s International Activities Council Lecture Series.



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

John Esposito is a professor of religion and international affairs at Georgetown University.

Prairie to be open to public

By Monica Castro
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Manhattan residents and K-State students will have a rare opportunity Saturday to see one of the only tallgrass prairies left in the country. This Saturday, Konza Prairie Biological Station is welcoming everyone to attend Visitors’ Day at the Konza from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Annie Baker, Konza Prairie education assistant, said this event has been a Konza Prairie tradition since the 1980s.

“What makes this day special is since this is a research area, it is not open to the public, but on this day it is an opportunity for people to come and see what its like and see what goes on over here,” said Dr. Valerie Wright, Konza Prairie environmental educator and naturalist.

During the day, children can participate in activities like the grasshopper grab, which will show students how researchers collect and study grasshoppers. Baker said a fire truck will also be on site so children can dress up with the equipment and use the hose.

“People are welcome to come and go on the site as they wish,” Baker said. “We want to share with the public what kinds of research is being done here and the activities that are happening.”

During the event, there will be opportunities to watch informational videos about the prairie ecology. Many of the tallgrass prairies are disappearing, leaving 4 percent of them left

WHAT IS THE KONZA PRAIRIE BIOLOGICAL STATION?

“Konza Prairie is an 8,600-acre native tallgrass prairie preserve owned jointly by The Nature Conservancy and Kansas State University, and managed by K-State Division of Biology.

Look online to view the various activities for Konza Prairie Biennial Visitor’s Day at <http://www.k-state.edu/konza/keep/visit/visitors.htm>

in the country, Wright said.

The Konza Prairie is a native tallgrass prairie that has never been plowed.

“The prairie will be a treat to see since there has been a lot of rain. The grass is tall and there are a lot of flowers,” she said.

In addition to the children’s activities, visitors of all ages can enjoy hiking through the prairie, seeing bison herds and riding hay wagons. Baker said the driving bison tour and the hay wagon rides are about an hour long.

“The tallgrass prairie is the ecosystem in which we live and not many people know that is endangered,” Baker said. “I want to educate others why conservation is important and why research is important because this is an endangered ecosystem.

Visitors’ Day is sponsored by The Nature Conservancy, K-State Biology and Friends of Konza Prairie.

Fight Back Express to stop in Manhattan on Saturday

By Deborah Muhwezi
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan community and surrounding area will have the opportunity Saturday to get involved in the fight against cancer by participating in the Fight Back Express bus tour, which will stop in the area.

“The purpose of the Fight Back Express tour is to allow cancer patients and survivors and their loved ones to call attention to the fact that we need to continue to fund cancer research,” said Jill Sittenauer, regional communications director for the American Cancer Society.

The tour, which is sponsored by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, will stop at 6:30 p.m. at the Dillons in Westloop. The Manhattan community is invited to come sign the tour bus and write letters to their legislature with provided computers, as well as have the opportunity to hear testimonies from cancer survivors and those who have been greatly affected by cancer.

“We want to give people who have been affected by cancer the chance to have their voices heard,” she said.

Sittenauer said the tour is trying

to stop in different areas across each state. In Kansas, along with Manhattan, the tour is stopping in Great Bend, Wichita, Topeka and Lawrence.

“We wanted to take the bus to college towns to give college students the chance to learn about cancer – related issues and to have their voices heard,” she said. “We want to try and cover as much of the state as possible.”

Marcia Locke, public relations and outreach coordinator for K-State’s Center for Basic Cancer Research, said the center is excited about the tour coming to Manhattan and encouraging the community to take part in the activities.

“It sounds like it’ll be just a cool thing to see,” she said. “It’s a way to be involved and learn about the things the American Society is doing for advocacy.”

Locke said everyone should attend the event because it will have a lot of beneficial information and it can relate to everyone.

“I think it’s a good opportunity for students to learn about legislation for cancer and other health research,” she said. “Cancer affects all of us whether directly or indirectly at some point in our lives.”

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Paying the price

Trickle-down economics may create financial problems for United States



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On the playground, the bigger kids push around the smaller kids, and there is a hierarchy in which some kids are treated much worse than others. There are a few who stick up for the outcasts and a few who, when given the chance, would refrain from eating themselves sick on cookies. But for most children, it takes many years to develop complicated systems of morality and preparation for the future, and some children never fully develop these advanced attitudes and perspectives.

In the past, even conservative thinkers like Aristotle could plainly see the advantage of maintaining social cohesion by sacrificing the excesses of private property. However, in modern America, the prevailing ideology among most political scientists and conservatives is reflexive and unflinching faith in supply-side economics and the consumption of fossil fuels.

It is time for someone to flip over some tables and throw a fit. Trickle-down economics are shamefully ineffective and immoral. Since the conception of this ideology thirty years ago, the wages of CEOs have skyrocket-

eted while the wages of average workers have stagnated. Corporate fraud is rampant, and capitalism is fraught with examples of privatizing profits and socializing risks. The current economic problems are a direct result of these economic viewpoints and practices. Has everyone forgotten the savings-and-loans scandals? These crises are not unavoidable components of a healthy economy; they are tragic consequences of irrational and dishonest fiscal policies.

Environmentalism and those who advocate it have been relentlessly criticized by conservatives who throw around epithets like "tree-huggers." Jimmy Carter is generally held in much lower regard than Ronald Reagan, in spite of Carter's prophetic warning 30 years ago that, "Because we are now running out of gas and oil, we must prepare quickly for a third change, to strict conservation and to the use of coal and permanent renewable energy sources, like solar power."

No conservative mentions that Reagan ripped down the solar paneling off of the White House and cut funding to all forms of alternative energy research, permanently crippling these sectors of the American economy. We are now paying and will continue to pay the price for this "conservative" mistake. The least these conservatives can do is own up to the facts and apologize. And after they do that, oil companies who spent tens - if not hundreds - of millions of dollars discrediting global warming should publicly apologize and willingly accept decreases in their

record profits for the good of mankind.

Finally, everyone must come to a consensus that the only way to build a strong, productive nation is to build a strong middle and lower class. These are the bulk of the citizens, and their health and productivity is vital and irreplaceable. Failing to provide them with healthcare and education, while allowing others to grow rich beyond conception, is to allow your country to fall into ruin, lawlessness and despair.

Laws requiring companies to pay their workers a living wage, like laws that provide healthcare and education for the poor, are fundamentally no different than laws requiring that companies refrain from hiring children. These laws indisputably make a dent in the wealth of some companies and individuals, but the overall benefits to society vastly outweigh the negative consequences.

A political system where powerful business interests dominate domestic and foreign policy was tried in the past. It was called Fascism, although its inventor greatly preferred the term Corporatism, and it almost led to the destruction of the world. Intellectual and moral juveniles like Anne Coulter would usher America down that path if we allow them to retain their positions of influence in our society. If and when this happens, we will lose everything that our forefathers fought so hard to achieve.

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World's financial problems will not be over soon



FRANK
MALE

The financial world is in upheaval. We've seen giants from Bear Stearns to the Lehman Brothers go down in flames, and the stock markets are fluctuating wildly.

The two largest housing institutions, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, both government-sponsored enterprises, have been subject to federal takeover.

Desperate times call for desperate measures. A willing, even eager, government has stepped in to look for solutions to the crisis. Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson developed a \$700 billion plan for buying mortgage-backed securities from the private sector through a Troubled Assets Relief Program.

Now that we have the basics of the situation down, it is time to ask the question most important. How does this affect us? Fortunately, Nick A. Wilson canvassed that topic in his Collegian column this week.

That leaves the broader shock waves felt by the market in the near and long term. A great bit of this is dependent upon how the federal government responds to the crisis at hand.

First, the guarantees. If the government intervenes as Paulson plans to, it will dump nearly a trillion dollars into the market. That is potentially \$3,000 per American, which will either come out as increased taxes or inflation.

Considering that increasing taxes is passé, chances are inflation will be the route taken. The federal government will also have a huge stake in the housing market with their mortgage-backed securities purchases. At least in theory, that stake will disappear in the six or seven years it will take for the MBSS to reach maturity, but in the meantime the government will intrude

enormously on the housing industry.

This easily can rival the size of Roosevelt's "New Deal," and is clearly a foray into socialism. The fact that a Republican administration is willing to advance the bailout definitely gives an idea of the scope of the trouble Wall Street is in.

There will be unintended consequences, however. Precedent will be set for directly interfering with financial institutions and make it that much easier for government to expand.

Someone in the Fed or Treasury Department will have to decide how to price the MBS purchases, because at this point there is no fair market price for them. Arbitrary decisions similar to those in the price controls of the 1930s will hinder the recovery.

If there is no intervention, life doesn't look much better. There are a lot of major banks which are going to collapse, the loan market will rupture, and liquidity will be removed from the system.

Because the leaders in day-to-day trading are dropping like flies, it is difficult for banks to do any trading. That makes it just a little difficult to conduct commerce.

The greatest dangers of government intervention are those posed by inflation and moral hazard. If the Fed comes in and saves big corporation's collective bacon, then it will be rewarding risky and dumb behavior.

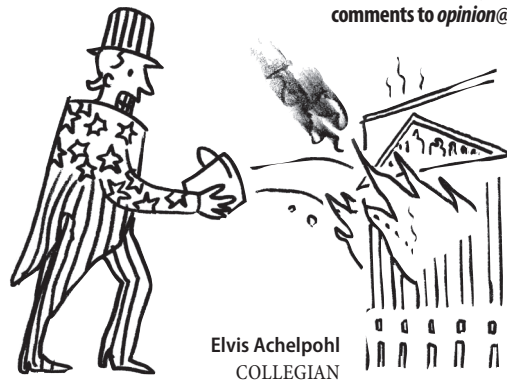
The owners of those businesses would love to survive unscathed, but if the MBSS are purchased at the original prices, then they become the only winners.

And all this is without looking at how the crisis hits individual homeowners.

There are some rough times ahead in the financial world. Decisions being made right now in Washington and on Wall Street are going to have far-reaching effects for decades to come. There is an old Chinese curse that says, "May you live in interesting times."

We are living in interesting times.

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TO THE POINT

ble of naming all our fingers but not our toes?"

You pose an excellent question. If it is really troubling you, we would suggest substituting the finger names for your toes. You might look a little odd calling it your "ring toe", though, so watch out.

"Is it bad if I'm in construction science and don't know how to put a tent up correctly?"

Well, we won't say yes. But, it's never a bad idea to have a back up plan. Can you dance?

"Hey Fourum,

what's up? I called you twice today. Couldn't pick up my calls?"

I wouldn't take it too personally. We didn't answer for the other 107 people that called either. We still care.

"Hey Fourum, I know we haven't talked in a while, but I need a favor. Can I borrow \$700 billion? Thanks."

Unfortunately, no. If we had \$700 billion for people to borrow we would be the richest college publications in the country, and that money would go to make the Collegian even better.

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I want to say something funny, but I got nothing.

Hey Fourum, I know we haven't talked in a while, but I need a favor. Can I borrow \$700 billion? Thanks.

Can you buy me some booze?

Alright, I thought we were all in college, then my short story teacher said "vagina" and we all laughed.

Dude will never understand baseball. He's from Canada.

Don't you move my police barricade.

Girls that listen to Brand New are hot.

Reoccurring themes in the Fourum are stupid.

I'm sitting here eating Alphi Chi Omega's CoCo Puffs, and they are so good..

I just choked on my Midol pill.

We got worms.

It's about 8 and I just stopped traffic in front of the engineering building, and I'm going to think it's because I'm sexy.

If you drive a truck, is it necessary that you don't know how to park?

To the beautiful man who saved my friend from the football at the Rec, thank you.

Check out kstatecollegian.com for the rest of today's Fourum.



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN
With the field of journalism evolving, convergence of print, electronic and Internet media has been encouraged and is occurring on campus.

Convergence encouraged in evolving journalism field

By Corene Brisendine and Whitney Hodgen
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

“We’re at the end of the early years,” said Jane Stevens, a professor from the UC Berkeley’s Graduate School of Journalism and keynote speaker at a communications panel last night in the K-State Student Union.

Stevens said her first assignment using the Internet as a reporting tool was a learning experience.

She spent a month in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean with a group of scientists, feeding photos and blog-style updates during the trip to her office at the New York Times.

“We didn’t know what we were doing, but it worked because we took advantage of everything Web,” Stevens said.

Stevens used this example to illustrate how the Internet and journalism are converging.

“[The Internet] is about social networking and information sharing,” Stevens said. “I want to find out how to maintain what journalism was supposed to be from the get-go – giving voice to people who aren’t being heard.”

Stevens gave the audience of journalism students and professors several tips on how to improve the way news is reported on the Internet.

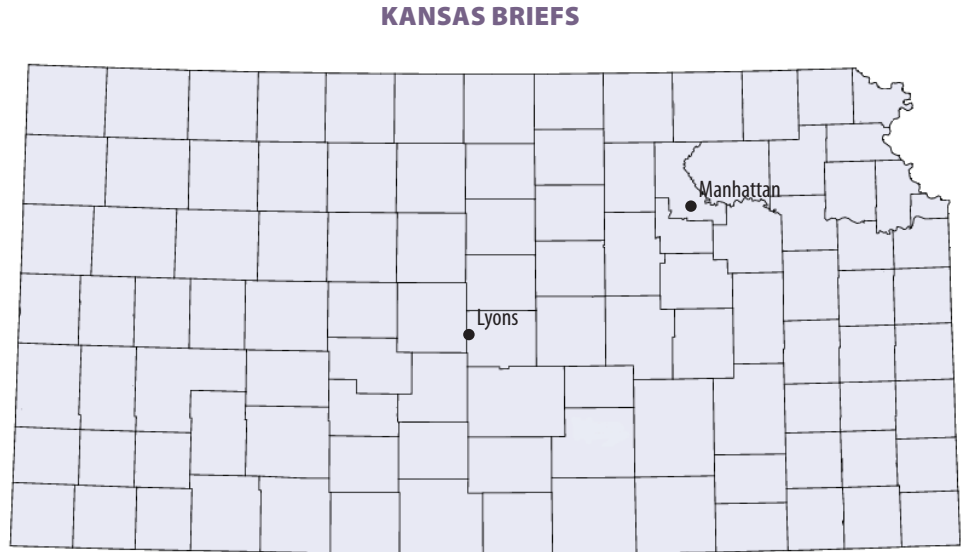
Television, radio and print should merge, she said.

“It’s more than just a newspaper on the web,” said Susan Edgerly, K-State Alum and editor for the New York Times.

Edgerly answered questions from the audience following the keynote as a member of a panel of experts in journalism and mass communications that also included K-State mass communications professor Steve Smethers.

Scott Kraft, national editor for the LA Times, said the LA Times is trying to give the biggest stories the most space on-line.

“Mainstream reporting has been blown away,” Stevens said. “To our [web journalists’] advantage.”



MORTAR BOARD HONORED NATIONALLY

The XIX Mortar Board Chapter at K-State received awards for excellence at the 2008 Mortar Board National Conference this summer, according to a recent press release.

Included in the awards was the Golden Torch Award, which is presented to chapters that are “superb, timely and go above and beyond throughout the academic year,” according to the release.

Recipients are chosen based on adherence to the Mortar Board’s three key ideals, which are scholarship, leadership and service.

The chapter also received a Project Excellence Award for “notable projects in the areas of scholarship, leadership, fundraising, service, the national Reading is Leading literacy initiative, alumni involvement or Mortar Board Week,” according to the release.

STATE BOARD TO MAKE TECH COLLEGE VISIT

The Manhattan Area Technical College, Division of Nursing, will be host to a site visit by the Kansas State Board of Nursing on Wednesday and Thursday, according to a recent press release.

A meeting with KSBN representatives at 3 p.m. Thursday will be open to the public. The meeting will be in Room 102C at the college, 3136 Dickens Ave., according to the release.

The meeting will allow

visitors to make general comments about the program and its graduates to the KSBN representatives in attendance.

Jacque Haag | COLLEGIAN

NASA SEEKS TEACHERS FOR SPACE TRAVEL

According to a recent press release, a new program called Teachers in Space is looking for two astronauts to fly in space and then return to teach in the classroom.

“Unlike the the Educator Astronaut program, which takes teachers out of schools to join the NASA astronaut corps, we want to put astronaut teachers into American classrooms,” said Edward Wright, project manager for Teachers in Space, in the release.

Training for the program will be on weekends and during summers so teachers do not have miss out on their work in the classroom. The goal of TIS is to eventually fly four teachers from every state into space each year.

KDHE RECRUITS GREEN AMBASSADORS

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is recruiting college students to serve as “Green Ambassadors” to spread the environmental message, according to a recent press release.

The new program will “allow college students new opportunities to gain experience in environmental education and public speaking,” according to the release.

Ambassadors will help to

educate the public on proper waste management, conservation of natural resources and environmental stewardship.

Ambassadors will give presentations to pre-approved groups and will be paid \$60 for each presentation.

To be eligible, ambassadors must be full-time college students and submit an application that includes a short essay. Recruitment begins this fall.

For more information, e-mail Rodney Ferguson at rferguson@kdhe.state.ks.us.

Sydney Eagleton | COLLEGIAN

PART OF MID CAMPUS DRIVE TO CLOSE

A portion of Mid-Campus Drive will be closed Tuesday due to parking garage construction.

Darwin Abbott, director of Parking Services, said the portion of Mid-Campus Drive between the parking garage site and Nichols, Calvin and Kedzie Halls will be closed between 5:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesday. Consequently, drivers will be unable to turn north onto Mid-Campus Drive from Anderson Avenue.

This is due to construction work that requires a concrete pump truck to be in the road at this time, Abbott said.

If weather hinders the construction on Tuesday, the street will be closed on Wednesday instead.

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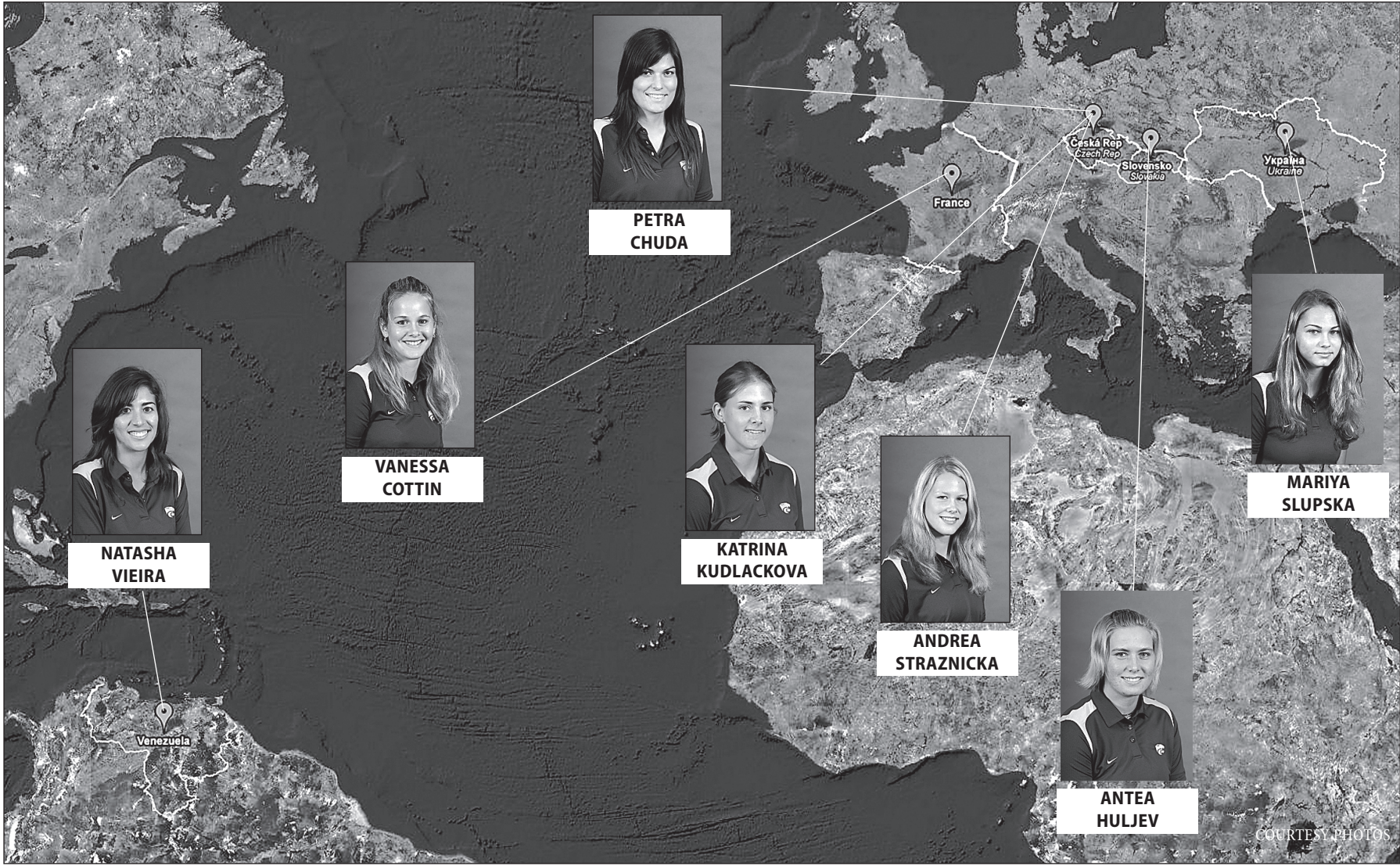
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International players bring different flavor to women’s tennis team

By Brad Dornes
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

If you were to walk by the tennis courts at Peters Recreation Complex during a K-State women’s tennis team practice, you probably wouldn’t notice anything special.

Just a few women preparing for their upcoming tournament.

But stop and look around and you would notice a few slight differences – it has long been the tradition of the K-State tennis coaches to recruit internationally.

“We’ve recruited like that for a number years,” head coach Steve Bietau said. “Tennis recruits internationally probably more than any other sport at K-State.”

In many countries, tennis follows soccer or hockey in popularity.

“It’s definitely a more recognized sport internationally than it is here in America,” Bietau said. “That means there are stronger players there than here.”

Team members from France, Slovenia, Czech Republic and Venezuela make up this year’s tennis team.

SOUTH AMERICAN CONNECTION

Natasha Vieira grew up in Carabobo, Venezuela, and was a five-time athlete of the year in her hometown. She started playing tennis at 8 years old.

“My mother bought me a racket and told me to go outside and play,” Vieira said. “I caught on pretty quick and pretty much played everyday.”

She was ranked as the No. 2 junior player in all of Venezuela in 2005.

“I played in a lot of tournaments throughout South America and some in the United States as well.”

Vieira arrived on campus in 2006.

“It is really different from where I came from,” she said. “Carabobo has 365 days of sunshine and here the weather changes almost every day.”

Last year Vieira, who is a business major, was selected as a Academic All-Big 12 first team.

SLOVENIAN SWATTER

Antea Huljev was born in Slovenj Gradec, Slovenia. Her mother was a member of the 1980 Yugoslavian Olympic handball team and was

ranked as the No. 2 player in the world.

Huljev started playing tennis at the age of 11.

“Once I started playing, it was just something that I did everyday,” she said.

She caught on quickly and excelled.

In 2005, she reached the finals of the ITF Croatia Championships in singles and doubles.

She was a semifinalist in the singles bracket of the Slovenian Championships, in 2006 and followed that success with a quarterfinals finish in 2007.

“I sent Coach Bietau a letter and he came to Slovenia to watch me play,” Huljev said.

Last year, Huljev’s freshman campaign ended with her having a 15-17 record and was the No. 2-ranked player on the team.

“I really like playing at K-State,” she said. “I hope to try to play professionally after I graduate.”

Huljev is entering her second year and is majoring in business administration and management.

For more information on this weekend's tennis tournament go to kstatecollegian.com.

Wildcats look to stay tough against Baylor

By Justin Nutter
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Before conference play began for the Wildcat volleyball team, head coach Suzie Fritz had a major concern: the team’s lack of ability to string together success.

“I told [the girls] that they weren’t even close to meeting their capabilities as a team,” Fritz said after K-State’s home opener against California State Bakersfield. “I thought we were too inconsistent. We’re much too veteran for that.”

Since then, the No. 17 Wildcats (12-2, 2-1 Big 12 Conference) have seemingly fallen into a groove. They are 2-1 in conference play, including sweeps against Colorado and Texas A&M in their last two matches. Fritz said she’s pleased with the Wildcats’ consistent improvement, and they will need to continue to get better.

“As a coach, you certainly like the fact that you feel like your team’s improving,” Fritz said after Thursday’s practice. “It’s starting to get into October. We now have to start to see another level of play in Big 12 competition night in and night out. We’re really happy with the progress.”

K-State will look to build on its recent success when the team takes on Baylor (11-3, 3-0 Big 12) this weekend. The Bears will bring a three-match winning streak into Manhattan, as they haven’t lost since falling 0-3 to then No. 12 Oregon on Sept. 13.

Baylor has been paced by junior outside hitter Katie Sanders and junior middle blocker Anna Breyfogle, who are averaging 3.82 and 2.7 kills per game, respectively.



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

The Wildcats will look to sweep another Big 12 opponent Saturday when they meet Baylor in Manhattan.

Senior outside hitter Rita Liliom has led the charge for the Wildcats this season, averaging 4.34 kills per game, including 16 on Wednesday night at Texas A&M. She has tallied double-digit kills in every match this season.

Saturday night’s match will mark the 26th meeting between the Bears and Wildcats. K-State leads the all-times series at 19-6, including an 11-2 mark in Manhattan. The match, part of K-State’s Wildcat Weekend – which also includes the Saturday afternoon football game – is set to begin at 7 p.m. in Ahearn Field House. Fans who present a football ticket at the door will be admitted for \$2. Students who present their Wildcat ID will receive free admission.

Wefald, Snyder to be enshrined at K-State

By Cole Manbeck
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

This weekend represents the end of a great era of K-State athletics as President Jon Wefald and legendary coach Bill Snyder will be inducted into the Kansas State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

It’s fitting that that they will be enshrined together for what is called the “miracle in Manhattan.”

The two men have been closely linked to the overall success of K-State in the last 20 years.

“It’s a monumental honor to have this opportunity,” said Wefald, who will be retiring at the end of the year.

When Wefald arrived at K-State in 1986, football was on the verge of being

dropped as a sport. It took a large amount of effort and energy to bring a program up that lacked tradition and facilities.

“It takes a team to get things done. One or two people can’t do it,” Wefald said. “You have to have a multitude of hard-working, optimistic, focused people. Fortunately for me, I was able to surround myself with people who are a lot smarter than I am.”

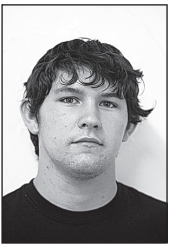
Snyder said Wefald has had an amazing influence on his life.

“To have the opportunity to go into this sports hall of fame with Dr. Wefald at the same time is very significant in my life,” Snyder said.

In 1988, Snyder, who was the offensive coordinator at

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Success of KSU football team depends on dramatic changes from coaching staff



STEVE BERKLUND

The 2008 Wildcat football team is 2-1 after a disappointing 38-29 loss to Louisville more than a week ago. After the loss, there have been many questions circling around the football team. Are the Wildcats bowl bound? Is the

defense as bad as they were at the end of season last year, when they gave up 198 points the last four games? Both are great questions.

It seems like the Wildcats will not be bowling this holiday season unless they clean up the problems on the defensive side of the ball and clean up the running game. The defense was torched for 577 yards of offense and 303 yards on the ground against the Cardinals of Louisville. The Cats’ passing attack looks good after passing for 313 yards against Louisville, while the rush offense only gained 30 yards on the ground. The inability to stop the run and run the ball on offense are the reasons why the Wildcats

struggled on the road against Louisville. Who is really to blame for these shortcomings?

The Wildcats’ coaches refused to play anything other than man coverage, and cornerback Ray Cheatham got beat the entire game by 6-foot-8-inch receiver Josh Chichester. Also, coach Prince refused to make the proper adjustments to stop Louisville’s running game, as well. It’s not like the Cats don’t have the athletes with two time 1st-team All-Big 12 defensive player Ian Campbell and true-freshman Brandon Harold, who leads the team in tackles for a loss, among others.

The Wildcats’ rush offense

looked just as bad as its rush defense only rushed for 30 yards in the entire game. The Wildcats’ offensive line is almost exactly the same as last year, returning everyone on the line including tight end Jeron Mastrud. Why can’t the Cats run the ball?

Though it seems like the line isn’t blocking as well as it did last year for 1,000-yard running back James Johnson, the lack of talent at running back is what is really hurting the Cats. The starting running back is a walk-on from Mississippi Delta Community College, and his backup is a true-freshman. Why not move Lamark Brown, who is listed as starter

at wide receiver but isn’t seeing playing time, to running back? In high school, Brown was rated as a four-star athlete by rivals.com.

If the coaching staff wants to win, they need to put the best players on the field at the right places and give them the opportunity to win ball games for them. Unless something dramatically changes in the way coach Prince and his staff approach games, don’t expect the Cats to go bowling this year.

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Hungry Man Dinner



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Matthew Ho, developing scholars program student in environmental design piles food on his plate during the Cultural Harmony Week banquet Thursday evening in the K-State Student Union Cottonwood room.

Today's Events

Coach Ron Prince and Dr. Susan M. Scott, assistant vice president of the School of Leadership Studies, to present "The Blind Side: A Discussion of Modern Leadership," based on the book by Michael Lewis. Noon — K-State Student Union Room 212, second floor Diversity workshops by Dr. Barbara J. Love:	Morning: K-State libraries - early morning by invitation only - 10:15 and 11:15 a.m. — sessions open to the public Afternoon: College of Education -time/place TBA USD 383 and City of Manhattan -3-4:30 p.m.	Manhattan High School West Little Theater Little Theater workshop with Barbara Baker: "Body Politics for Women: Expressions of Self and Healing for the Soul." Liberatory consciousness through artistic expression, based on Dr. Barbara Love's view of how individuals can interrupt oppression in their lives.
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Public discusses cultural empathy

Corene Brisendine
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The focal point of a presentation at city hall on Thursday afternoon was that diversity gives people the opportunity to learn from each other through understanding.

Jeremy Deckard, public information officer for the Kansas Human Rights Commission, began the presentation with a 30-minute video illustrating diversity and how it affects people at work and in public.

Following the video, Deckard shared stories from other people who had attended past presentations. One woman told him every time she and her husband went to a coffee shop and ordered coffee, one of them would order coffee straight and the other with cream. The waiter always put the cup of coffee with cream in front of her and the other in front of her husband, though her husband was the one who always ordered coffee with cream.

Deckard said this was a prime example of how bias and prejudice affects our business and the public's perception of each other. The waiter assumed the woman ordered the cream

and never thought twice about the man wanting cream in his coffee.

The owner of the coffee shop could lose business if the customer was offended by the waiter's assumption.

However, Deckard also offered a solution; he said training is the best way to prevent this type of discrimination from happening.

Cathy Harmes, planning committee member, said she would bring Deckard back to speak again in the future.

Deckard said this year he will have given this presentation to every student at Junction City High School. The Junction City school system books Deckard every year to give the diversity presentation as well as a sexual-harassment presentation to the freshman class.

Arthur Griffin, Manhattan resident, said he thought it was a very effective and relevant presentation.

"It broadens your mind and makes you unafraid to approach others," he said. "After you get past [the prejudice] barrier, you recognize you have a lot in common [with individuals who are viewed differently by society]."

RP | Yearbook event open to all students

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an awful lot to do with the change in societal attitudes and that people weren't so interested in beauty queens anymore," Puntney said.

In the contest's hey-day, a photograph of the nominee was sent to a celebrity judge who determined the winner solely from the picture.

"We're judging based on K-State pride and how involved nominees are on campus and an overall love for K-State," Yocum said.

The competition is open to all K-State students, both undergraduate and graduate, with the exception of Student Publications employees and SGA executive members.

Nominations are being accepted for the next two weeks until Oct. 5.

On Oct. 6, the RP staff will list the nominees and their short biographies, along with why they were nominated and who nominated them.

Students who get their pictures taken for the yearbook Oct. 7 and Oct. 24 get to vote once, and people who purchase yearbooks between that time can vote an

additional three times for the winners.

Pictures and sales will take place in the K-State Student Union Courtyard, Yocum said.

At the end of each week during voting, the standings will be posted on the Web site. During the last week, they will be updated every night.

"At that point, we'll narrow it down to the top five males and top five females who will go in front of a judge's panel to be interviewed," Yocum said.

In the past, a celebrity judge like actor Cary Grant or producer Samuel Goldwyn of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer determined the winners, Puntney said. The RP staff wants to bring that part of the tradition back.

The winners will receive free yearbooks and a feature story in the yearbook.

"You are essentially the king or queen of K-State," Yocum said.

For more information about the Royal Purple King and Queen and competition rules, go to www.royalpurple.ksu.edu. Send nominations to rp@spub.ksu.edu.

ART | Many attend

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craft and gain recognition. Comics have largely been considered "low-brow" art is gaining recognition in the 21st-century.

"They're being dragged from under the rock they've been hiding under during the 20th century," Beaty said. "They are slowly being considered art. What happens to a museum when it displays comics as art? Good things."

BLAB!, a magazine created in 1986, was dedicated to alternative comics and provided a forum for writers like Panther who had few outlets for their unconventional artwork. However, Beaty said, what was once considered bizarre is now seen as avant-garde.

"Comics remain largely symbolically excluded from the art world. But the boundaries of comic perception have been pushed."

Panter's comics have appeared in the skateboard magazine Thrasher, as well as High Times and Hustler magazines. He also produces commercial art for band posters and books, and won three Emmys for his designs on the Pee Wee Herman show.

"Comics variously reject the low-brow label because they want to be taken seriously in the real art world," Beaty said.

Toys, 3-D replications of alternative comic characters, are limited edition collectables available only in certain galleries and stores. It offers further proof that comic art can be legitimately translated into respectable art, Beaty said.

"These are inaction figures rather than action figures," he said. "You can make toys from comics, but not always with art."

Alyssa Dawson, graduate student in English, came to the lecture because of her interest in comics and graphic literature.

"The English department sponsored [American comic] Scott McCloud's lecture last year, and I wanted to see a Canadian's perspective on the subject," she said.

Beaty's expertise attracted another graduate student in English, Josh Pearson.

"The academic study of graphic novels is still a relatively new subject," Pearson said. "So I'm interested to see someone already established in the field."

WEFALD | KSU leaders to leave great legacy

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Iowa University, was hired by Wefald and athletic director Steve Miller.

Snyder came to a program that had lost 27 games in a row. It was one of the worst programs in the country, Wefald said.

At his opening press conference when he was named head coach, he made an eye-opening statement.

"It's a tremendous challenge here and I think this has the opportunity for the greatest turnaround in college football exists here today, and it's not one to be taken lightly."

Under Snyder's coaching, K-State engineered what many call the greatest turnaround in college football history. Under Snyder, K-State became one of only three programs to win 11 games in five out of six seasons.

They went from being "Futility U," as they were referred to in 1989 by Sports Illustrated writer Doug Looney, to being a national, perennial power.

"What happened between 1989 and early in the 21st century is one of the most remarkable stories in our history," Wefald said.

Snyder was also responsible for the creation of the trademark powercat logo.

"I feel blessed sitting here today with arguably the greatest football coach in K-State history and arguably one of the greatest football coaches in Division I history. I think Bill and I are adjointed at the hip.

"Many people said it couldn't be done. We had to overcome the odds. We had challenges that most universities would never face."

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Sweeney Todd (Merrit David Janes) reflects on the cruelties of his life and future during the performance of the musical “Sweeney Todd — the Demon Barber of Fleet Street,” at McCain Auditorium on Thursday night.

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Cut-throat drama

Live musical thriller ‘Sweeney Todd’ captivates Manhattan audience

By Eden Lehr
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With only their instruments and voices to guide them, the talented actors of the live musical thriller, “Sweeney Todd – the Demon Barber of Fleet Street” performed on Thursday night in McCain Auditorium.

Students, faculty and community members filled the orchestra and balcony area of McCain, whispering and speculating with anticipation.

Famous for its eclectic mix of drama, tragedy and dark com-

edy, this story of betrayal, vengeance and bloody murder follows Sweeney Todd, the dark alter ego of talented barber Benjamin Barker, as he seeks revenge on the men who wrongfully imprisoned him, ruined his marriage and stole his daughter.

This classic play, based on Christopher Bond’s 1973 play, joins the music and lyrics of Stephen Sondheim and a book by Hugu Wheeler to create a dark and entertaining drama. Thom Jackson, assistant director for McCain Performance Series, praised “Sweeney Todd”

for its music and unconventional style.

“[Sweeney Todd] is very different,” Jackson said. “It’s a really dark show with complicated music ... but the music is absolutely gorgeous.”

However, “Sweeney Todd” is not for the faint-hearted. Despite it’s comedy and outrageous themes, it is a show that deals with murder, mental illness and even cannibalism.

“It’s not a mainstream happy-feel-good kind of show,” Jackson said. “There’s no happy ending.”

It has been able to capture audiences since it Broadway debut on March 1, 1979, with Len Cariou as Todd and Angela Lansbury as Mrs. Lovett – Todd’s partner in crime who owns the meat pie shop below Todd’s shop.

Maurice Dokes, junior in theater and audience member, thinks the play has been so successful because Sweeney Todd’s is an incredible story.

“The play introduced a new, unique genre that entertains its audience through a story of morbid and fascinating themes and images,” Dokes said.

The 2008 tour of “Sweeney Todd” continues the unique style of direction and performance that started with the 2005 Broadway revival, in which the

actors are the orchestra.

All 10 actors are on the stage throughout the show, and every instrument, from accordion and tuba to clarinet and cello, are played by the characters themselves. Overland Park, Kan., resident David Curtin, whose daughter attends K-State, said he was impressed by the way the play was set up.

“The whole idea with the instruments played by the actors was great,” Curtin said. “I have never seen that before ... it was very well done and it was fun.”

The set was quite small, not even covering the entire McCain stage. Two wood panels outlined the set, which featured a simple coffin in the middle and surrounded by chairs. The back wall was covered with props, including two buckets with red liquid and several white jackets covered with blood, which were worn by the deceased characters as a way to illustrate the body count.

The music was diverse and creative; with 19 songs performed in the first act and 8 in the second act, “Sweeney Todd” is more music than dialogue. A large portion of the story is told through catchy, harmonious and dramatic pieces that have become the trademark of “Sweeney Todd – The Demon Barber of Fleet Street.”

SILVER SCREEN COMPARISON:

Though the story of “Sweeney Todd” has been performed on the stage several times, in December of 2007 Tim Burton released his rendition of the story with Johnny Depp as the lead role.

With a history of collaboration between Depp and Burton creating dark films like “Edward Scissorhands” and “Sleepy Hollow,” it was only appropriate for the duo to adapt this story to the big screen.

After choosing which songs to use and changing the lines to meet their rendition, Burton released his bloody and visually gothic version of “Sweeney Todd” with other acclaimed actors like Alan Rickman and Helena Bonham Carter in the supporting roles.

Without the limits of a stage and the advantage of having a recorded soundtrack, the film version is able to have bloody special effects and use different sets for different scenes, creating an incredible experience that is just not possible on the live stage.

The movie won praise from viewers and critics alike, even receiving a Golden Globe for Best Picture.

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Johanna (Wendy Muir) plays the cello and sings along in “The Ballad of Sweeney Todd.”

BROTHEL BRIEFS

Road trip to small Kansas town leads to memories, beginning of adventures



SALENA STRATE

One goal of mine since I entered college has been to take a road trip. My father likes to joke about the random trips his college buddies took back in the day; he always reminds me to take the time to make those memories.

So, I decided to plan the perfect road trip to share with my roommates. I wanted it to be a bit less-extreme than the 2000 movie starring Tom Green, but still an adventure the Brothel would be talking about for a long time.

So, my bright ideas and my Brothel roomies set off on our grand, road-trip adventure last weekend.

I decided to build momentum by creating and personally delivering homemade invitations to all the girls, and I loved watching their different looks of excitement as they opened their invitations.

Our hop-in-the-car-and-go trip took us 20 minutes from Manhattan to Leonardville, Kan. – the hometown of Jordy Nelson. Since it’s football season and we are all such superfans, I thought it might be fun to eat at Jordy’s parents’ restaurant, Nelson’s Landing. The Landing has a country-kitchen feel but still has the convenience of a full-bar option.

Also, the walls were decorated with Jordy’s and his sister Kelsey’s sports memorabilia for a cozy, K-State feel.

On the drive to the restaurant, there was a bit of confusion. Because most of my roommates hail from big cities, driving out of town seemed to make them think we might end up in a random cornfield. Pinky even thought I was trying to fool the Brothel into thinking Nelson’s Landing was an airport.

After our short, but giggle-filled drive, we arrived at Nelson’s Landing. Upon entering the restaurant, we quickly realized we were overdressed. Picture seven out-of-town college girls in dresses and heels marching into the local gossip spot – I’m sure we were the talk of the town.

As we settled in around our choice table, Sammi noticed the bartender was writing the one bar

special on the wall. So, naturally, we ordered the night’s special.

Our food was delicious and the atmosphere was pleasant. The trip to Leonardville reminded me of my hometown. At the restaurant, farmers and their wives talked about the upcoming harvest, babies cried in the back-ground and the local men talked anxiously about the next Friday night football game. The waitress also knew about the town’s history and it’s K-State-famous former resident. We even had a bucket of beers delivered to our table by none other than Kelsey Nelson; we felt pretty special.

We wanted to stay longer, but the Brothel girls had to face reality and a trip back to Manhattan. However, we couldn’t pass up one last offer to buy Nelson’s Landing T-shirts. I joked that the only items we were missing were foam fingers and baseball hats.

Our trip to Leonardville might seem silly, but now I finally have a story to tell my father. And after visiting Leonardville, I think we are now ready for our next trip. Las Vegas, here we come!

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CRISIS KURT

Student seeks to answer fellow peers’ questions



KURT KRUPP

“Crisis Kurt” is an K-State multimedia exclusive that will be updated weekly on www.kstatecollegian.com/blogs.

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Junction City couple finds joy together in raising, breeding snakes to sell

By Tiffany Roney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Joe and Kimberly Russell residents, are snake breeders. The married couple said they have always been fascinated and comforted by snakes.

“Ever since I was little, I have always wanted to play with snakes,” she said. “My parents made sure I wasn’t afraid. We’d go to zoos and pet the snakes. It’s just a big critter to me.”

Joe agreed, and said, “Growing up, I held wild snakes all the time. I’d go swimming, run into a cottonmouth, and just pick him up by the tail and start playing with him.”

Joe’s ease with snakes is still obvious today. Throughout the interview, one snake wound around Joe’s shoulders, slithered across his face and even wrapped around his hat.

‘WILL YOU WATCH MY SNAKE?’

Joe, originally from Maryland, works in Fort Riley as a tank crewman for the U.S. Army. His wife Kimberly cares for the home and the snakes.

However, despite their life-long love for snakes, Kimberly admitted that owning and breeding snakes was something she and Joe just fell into. It all began with one of Joe’s soldiers, who owned a ball python.

“He bought it for a girl,” Joe said, “Then she went [schizophrenic] on him. So when he got all his stuff back, he took the snake back as well.”

Unfortunately for the soldier, no animals are allowed in the barracks. So, the Russells agreed to take care of the snake. This act of kindness fueled the Russells’ passion for reptiles into a full-fledged hobby.

The two large red-tailed boa pythons the couple owns today are named Ivan and Anastasia, after Russia’s “Ivan the Terrible” and his queen, Anastasia. In the traditional tale, King Ivan is the cruel leader. Reality in the Russell home, however, is just the opposite.

“He’s actually a very relaxed snake. He chills,” Joe said. As for Anastasia, he said, “She’s the mean one; she’s the one in charge.”

Joe said the red-tailed species are considered especially valuable, and Kimberly added that some breeders dishonestly sell regular pythons as red-tails. “You have to look for that bright red color,” Joe said.

Another obvious difference is their temperament. “Red-tailed boas are actually a constrictor,” Kimberly said. “They’re more aggressive than the common boa.”

Even within the red-tailed species, there is a difference in size. “In the wild, they can grow up to 16 feet,” Kimberly said. In their aquariums, Ivan and his “wife” –

the Russells’ term for Anastasia – will both grow to be about 12-feet long.

Despite the terms “husband” and “wife,” the two reptiles live in separate aquariums the majority of the time. They move in together only during breeding time, which runs from November to March.

“They are cannibals. If you keep them together, they will kill and eat the other one,” Kimberly said.

The concern over Ivan and Anastasia eating each other is not the only problem. At least twice, the Russells’ snakes have gotten loose.

Joe and Kimberly both laughed as they described the time Alexander, a ball python they owned last year, escaped and slithered across the kitchen floor and underneath the oven. Another time, he got out of his cage and traveled through several living room boxes.

“I couldn’t find him anywhere,” Kimberly said. “Three days later, I found him in a box of books.”

She also said shedding time can be a hassle; the snakes shed every one or two months. During the shedding time, Kimberly said they have to moisturize the snakes and clean out their tanks.

While Joe and Kimberly are cleaning out the tanks, they sometimes fill up the bathtub with warm water and let them swim. Joe said Anastasia was a bit wild during



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Joe Russell (RIGHT) plays with one of his two red-tailed boa pythons while his wife **Kimberly Russell** (LEFT) talks about the couple’s snake-breeding business.

ing her first shedding experience.

She was thrashing around and then became so angry she bit herself. “I had to uncoil her because her teeth were actually hooked into her skin,” Joe said.

The snakes also have a natural instinct to constrict. At one point during the interview, Ivan began coiling tighter around Joe’s neck. “He’s squeezing the hell out of me!” Joe said.

FEARS AND THE FUTURE

If the Russells’ snakes sound dangerous, it’s because they are. “You don’t want an aggravated snake launching

at your face,” Kimberly said. Joe added, “It could eat you or your children.”

Consequently, not everyone who visits is enthralled with the Russells’ reptiles. One visitor, a fellow soldier, was too shocked to stay.

Joe said, “As soon as he saw the snakes, he did an about-face and walked outside.” Kimberly added, “Some people have just completely freaked out into hysterics.”

Though Joe does not understand ophidiophobia – the fear of snakes – he has a phobia of his own. He admitted with a chuckle, “I’m actually arachnophobic. It’s

funny. I hate spiders, but I love snakes.”

One thing the Russells don’t fear is lack of sales. They made their first sale just last week – their ball python – for \$200. Joe said babies sell for \$300.



To read the rest of the story and to watch a video of the Russells’ with their snakes, visit kstatecollegian.com.

ONLINE

PAST | Some K-State traditions remain staples for current students

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PARTY IN THE DORMS

The residence halls continued to plan events called “Fall Follies” and “Spring Fling” every year for the students.

Fall Follies offered activities like a scarecrow contest and hayrides, according to the Royal Purple. At the Spring Fling, students would participate in bed races, dunk tanks, a teeter-totter marathon and a contest for snarfing down Jell-O.

In the 1970s, the residence halls had Thursday Night Functions, precursors to today’s Thirsty Thursdays. A male floor would invite a female floor over to dance and share a couple kegs, Berghaus said.

Since the legal drinking age was 18 at the time, alcohol was often served at hall-sponsored events.

“It was an integrated part of campus life,” Freeman said. “You are always going to have people who go overboard, but most people didn’t.”

DISCO IN AGGIEVILLE

Aggieville always has been a drinking hotspot, but during the 1970s, Aggieville was also the place to go dancing.

“All of [the bars] had a huge dance floor,” said Jan Berghaus, who graduated from K-State in 1979 in secondary education. “It was like a big disco time. The popular dance of the time was the bump.”

SPLISH-SPLASH, ‘70S STYLE

The residence halls’ unofficial traditions included water fights and tubbing.

“Haymaker was pretty famous for water fights,” said Freeman, who lived on the eighth floor of Ford Hall from 1975 to 1979.

She said students would run the water on all the sinks and tubs, close their dorm room doors and stuff the cracks with towels. Then, they would splash water down the hallway until it started to flood the stairwells.

“My husband always tells this story of when they had a water fight,” Freeman said. “The tiles were floating in the hallway and they got in trouble. But it was worth it – they had a blast.”

And where there was water, there were also people stripping down.

“Somehow water came out the windows. Then the streaking would start,” Freeman said. “Streaking was kinda big in the ‘70s, and if there was a water fight, then someone was streaking.”

Along with the water fights, tubbing was a popular tradition.

“We always tubbed people on their birthday,” said Freeman. “You would fill the tub with water and other disgusting stuff and throw the birthday girl in.”

“HERE WE GO, HERE WE GO BACKWARDS”

Traditions were not limited to just the residence halls. The sports arena had

plenty of its own.

Mediocre football seasons in the 1970s led students to cheer, “Here we go, here we go backwards,” Freeman said.

“We were bad. I tell people, ‘Back when I went to school we hardly made a first down. Let alone a touchdown,’” said Freeman, a former Pridette, now known as a Classy Cat. “Willie did not have any reason to do any pushups.”

But while K-State struggled on the football field, they excelled on the basketball court.

“The men’s and women’s [teams] were really big,” Freeman said. “It did not

matter who we were playing. We were full, it was hot, it was stinky, and it was awesome. Nothing beats basketball in Ahearn.”

Ahearn Field House, known fondly as the “old barn,” would echo with chants of “na, na, na, na, hey, hey, goodbye” and “you, you, you” throughout the game, according to the Royal Purple.

The “Snob Hill” versus “Silo Tech” rivalry, which dates back to 1902, was huge even in the 1970s. During the games against KU, it was tradition to throw live chickens, which were sometimes painted red and blue, onto the court, Freeman said.

“Back then everyone would say, ‘wait until basketball,’” Berghaus said. “I remember how weird it was when we started to say, ‘wait ‘til football.’”

CHANGING TIMES

Since the 1970s, many campus traditions like football chants and residence hall events gradually have disappeared, replaced by their newer counterparts. In some cases, traditions have

been restructured to accommodate the growing student population.

“I don’t think we have the traditions that K-State had in the mid-1900s, which I think is common for most universities that have grown so big,” said University Archivist Tony Crawford.

Since the 1970s, K-State campus life has gone through many changes, but the university has upheld its pride with traditions.

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TOO FAST TO CATCH

Many people have told Brandon Banks he's not big enough. He's proving them wrong with a strong performance so far this season.

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Player to watch

Junior wide receiver
Brandon Banks is toward the top in the nation in several receiving stats. His speed and catching ability have allowed him to excel after transferring from junior college this season.



WHO'S BACK FOR LOUISIANA? Louisiana-Lafayette brings back most of its offensive firepower from last season.



QB Mic Desormeaux posted his third career 150 yards passing-150 yards rushing game against Kent State last weekend. He is now within 79 yards of fifth place all-time in total yards at Louisiana.

Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns Statistics - 2007

2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008

Louisiana-Lafayette

Passing Statistics								
NAME	CMP	ATT	YDS	CMP%	YDS/A	TD	INT	RAT
Michael Desormeaux	133	242	1405	55.0	5.81	10	10	109.1
Connor Morel	36	65	438	55.4	6.74	1	2	110.9
Richie Falgout	1	1	23	100.0	23.00	1	0	623.2
Chancellor Roberson	0	1	0	0.0	0.00	0	1	-200.0
Derrick Smith	0	1	0	0.0	0.00	0	0	0.0
Totals	170	311	1866	54.7	6.00	12	13	109.4

Rushing Statistics						
NAME	CAR	YDS	YPC	LONG	TD	
Michael Desormeaux	188	1141	6.1	86	7	
Tyrell Fenroy	180	1021	5.7	69	7	
Deon Wallace	75	433	5.8	18	3	
Jason Chery	21	209	10.0	80 (TD)	2	
Abdulle Levier	31	123	4.0	17	1	
Connor Morel	19	69	3.6	32	0	
Chancellor Roberson	9	22	2.4	10	2	
Caleb Rubin	4	7	1.8	4	0	
Derrick Smith	1	6	6.0	6	0	
Phillip Nevels	2	3	1.5	6	0	
Matt Dupre	1	0	0.0	0	0	
Marlin Miller	3	-4	-1.3	3 (TD)	1	
Totals	542	3019	5.6	86	23	

Receiving Statistics					
NAME	REC	YDS	YPR	LONG	TD
Derrick Smith	35	583	16.7	53	3
Jason Chery	36	442	12.3	64 (TD)	2
Deon Wallace	10	148	14.8	52 (TD)	2
Tyrell Fenroy	15	113	7.5	20	0
Verlin Moore	8	113	14.1	30	0
Abdulle Levier	10	102	10.2	30	1

WR Jason Chery is the leading receiver on the team this season and is averaging 23 yards per kick return.



VS.



OFFENSE

K-State is seventh in the country in scoring offense this season and eighth in passing offense. Quarterback Josh Freeman has been impressive and efficient through most of the season but has not received much help from the running game. This shouldn't be a problem, though, against a poor defensive team like Louisiana.

Louisiana has one of the best running games out of any college in the country. Last season the quarterback and running back both ran for more than 1,000 yards — and they are both back along with with a few key linemen. QB Mic Desormeaux has been relatively successful with passing the ball this season also.

DEFENSE

The defense looked bad against Louisville. They missed tackles and blew coverage and position assignments at every level. The one bright spot was true-freshman Brandon Herald, who leads the team in tackles for loss.

As poor as K-State looks on defense last week, Louisiana might be worse. They rank 112th out of 119 FBS teams in total defense. In the first game of the season, they gave up 51 points to Southern Mississippi.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Deon Murphy is back. The electrifying returner bounced back from a ragging injury to return a punt for a touchdown against Louisville. Kicker Brooks Rossman has been consistent, not missing a field goal or extra point this season.

Since the arrival of current coach Rickey Bustle in 2002, the Cajuns have blocked more the third-most kicks of all FBS teams in that time period. Their return and kicking games are solid, but they don't have a game changer like Murphy.

PREDICTION

There should be a lot of offense in this game. K-State's defense will definitely give up some yards on the ground, but they might be able to get enough turnovers and stops in the red zone to hold the Ragin' Cajuns to a score in the

20s. Expect both Josh Freeman and the running game to excel. If Southern Mississippi can get 51 points against Louisiana-Lafayette, K-State should be able to roll.

— K-State 34, Louisiana 23

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Offensive line grows together

By Mike DeVader
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Ron Prince has the background of an offensive lineman so he understands how games are won and lost in the trench known as the line of scrimmage. The Wildcats mission for the offensive line is quite simple this year – pass to score and run to win.

The Wildcats, however, have been doing a lot of passing this season, especially in the last game against Louisville, in which quarterback Josh Freeman completed 22 of 42 pass attempts for 313 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions.

OFFENSIVE LINE DEPTH CHART

Starters
LT: Alesana Alesana
LG: Brock Unruh
C: Jordan Bedore
RG: Gerard Spexarth
RT: Nick Stringer

2nd String O-Line
LT: Edward Prince
LG: Eric Benoit
C: Zach Kendall
RG: Kenneth Mayfield
RT: Penisini Liu

K-State had to turn to the pass more than expected because they fell behind and had to abandon the run, which made the 303-30 yard rushing comparison gaudier in favor of Louisville, but Prince said he still has all the confidence in the world that his offensive line can get the job done when the game is on the line.

“I think we have young players that are learning and players that are very experienced,” Prince said. “The offensive line on offense puts you in an advantaged position or can put you in jeopardy.”

“We have to make sure that we can do some positive things and put the game on their shoulders when it’s appropriate and win the game,” he said. The Wildcats didn’t have the opportunity to shoulder the responsibility of getting a victory through the running game last week, but Saturday’s game against Louisiana Lafayette could be a great starting point for K-State’s offensive line to make some holes for the running backs. Louisiana-Lafayette’s rush defense is the second-worst out of all FBS teams.

Right tackle Nick Stringer said he knows



Backup lineman **Kenneth Mayfield** blocks a North Texas defender in the Wildcats’ opening win against the Mean Green. Coach Ron Prince said he has confidence in the offensive line’s ability to defend the quarterback and create running lanes.

the offensive line hasn’t played to its ability yet, but it means a lot to the group to know Prince has the confidence in them to go win a game. “It feels real good, especially coming from the head coach,” Stringer said. “We just got to prove to the team and the rest of the

world that we are going to run the ball.” “I think the sky’s the limit for this team, not only the offensive line, and I think we are going to have to put our team on our shoulders and take that as a challenge,” he said. The offensive line has had few issues with pass

protection, though. They haven’t allowed a sack this season, and Freeman has been given time to pick apart opposing defenses, resulting in 833 yards, eight touchdowns and just two interceptions. “They’re seeing a lot of crazy looks right now, and I think for the most part,

they’re doing a pretty good job,” Freeman said. “They work hard, communicate extremely well and haven’t given up a sack all year, so I think that’s pretty good. I know we can run the ball behind those guys, we just have to get ourselves into better running situations,” Freeman said.

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Banks overcomes small stature to excel on at K-State

By Cole Manbeck
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The game of football is recognized for its hard-hitting nature. It's not a game for the faint of heart. Vicious hits are celebrated, and there is no mercy once the ball is snapped. Players have to be built to take the brutish punishment they will receive every time they take the field. But you have to be able to catch them first - something opposing defenses have been struggling at ever since Brandon Banks started playing football at the age of 7. Banks is one of the smallest players in all of college football, listed at a miniscule 5-foot-7, 142-pounds. He insists that he is over 150 pounds now, but it is hard to believe when looking at him.

A LIFE OF QUESTIONING
Most people would love to have Banks' metabolism. For him, the lightning-quick metabolism he possesses has led to a flurry of questions regarding his small stature his whole life. Banks has a chip on his shoulder – a crater-sized chip to put it best – that has been built up during his life from people telling him that football was not his sport.

BRANDON BANKS



Position:
Wide Receiver

Year:
Junior

Last season:
Played at Bakersfield College

Memorable achievement:
Leading the team in receiving yards, catches and receiving touchdowns.

He didn't weigh 100 pounds until his sophomore year in high school. "I get underestimated a lot," Banks said. "I've been underestimated a lot in life. I just use it as a motivation and keep going." He has overheard the critics, and he said he strives to prove them wrong. It's a trait he learned from his father, Daryle, who gained custody of Brandon and his sister when he was in the sixth grade.

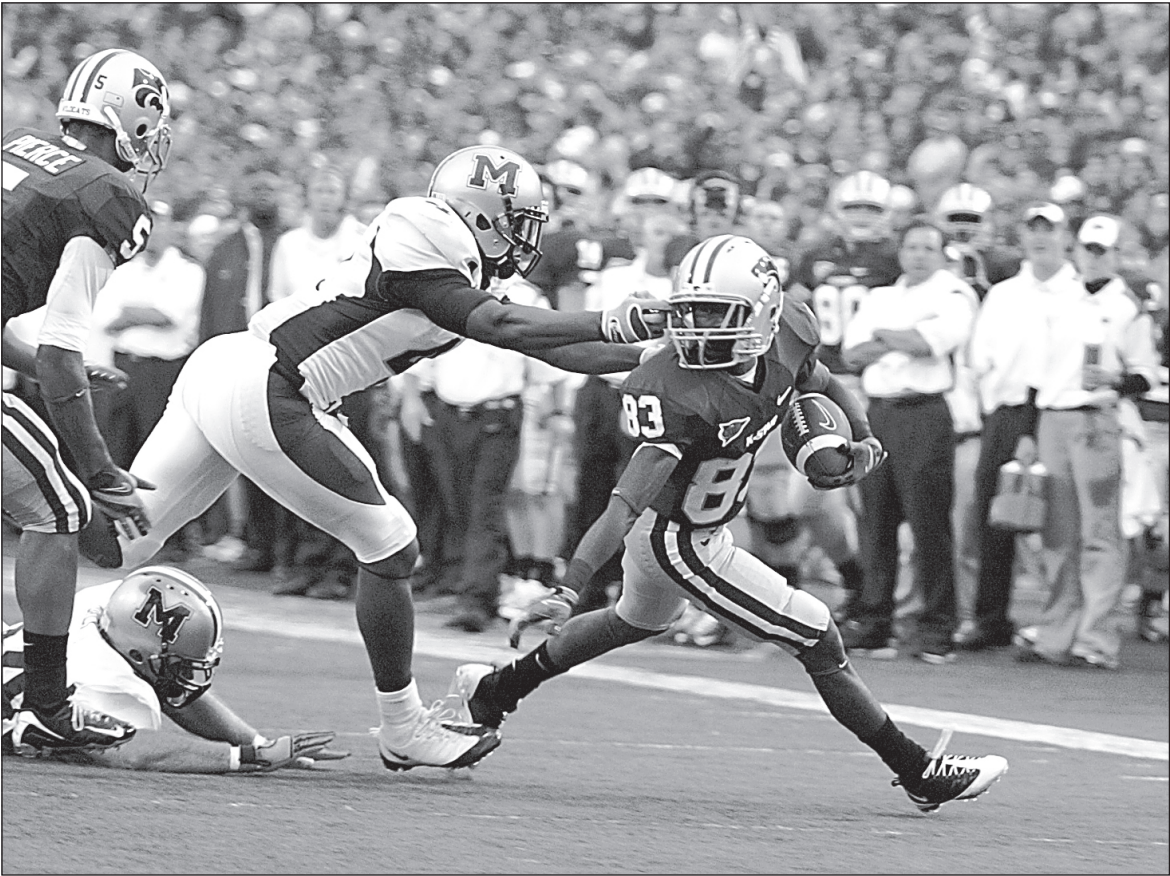
"He taught me to be tough and to not listen to other people and what they have to say," Banks said. "He taught me to just go out there and to not worry about how big and how small people tell you that you are. Just go out there and play like you have all your life."

SUCCESS ON THE FIELD
Size didn't stop Banks from becoming a star on the football field. He was a four-year starter and two-time all-conference selection at Garner High School in North Carolina. He was named the Greater Neuse River Conference Player of the Year and his team's Most Valuable Player his senior year. His performance got him a scholarship offer from the University of Tennessee, who he initially signed with to play football.

Banks was also a track star in high school. He was named to the 2006 USA TODAY All-USA high school track and field team after posting the fastest 200 meter time in North Carolina. "Football was my first love," Banks said. "I was just running track as a second sport. But I was doing so well in track, I kind of took it more and more seriously like I did in football."

Tennessee wanted Banks to compete in track and football, and the plan was to do just that, but for unspecified reasons he never became a Volunteer. Banks ended up at Bakersfield (Calif.) Community College. He set three of Bakersfield's single-season receiving records his sophomore year with 93 receptions for 1,397 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns. He is also the school's all-time leader in career receptions with 107. The mind-blowing numbers that he posted on the football field had college coaches from around the country ignoring his size and sending out scholarship offers. Kentucky, California and North Carolina State were just a few of the programs that sent offers to Banks. But he chose to sign with the Wildcats. The rest is history.

A STRONG START
Banks is hungry to prove the critics wrong, and he's off to a great start this season, leading K-State in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns. Coach Ron Prince says it's Banks' willingness to compete that makes him special. "I think Brandon is an



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Wide receiver **Brandon Banks** runs after a catch against Montana State in the second game of the season. Though he is just five-foot-seven and barely 150 pounds, Banks has led the Wildcats in several receiving statistical categories, including his five touchdown passes.

incredibly competitive young person," Prince said. "I can't imagine that when he came to Kansas State it was the first time that someone commented that he was small and I think because of that he's become very competitive." Prince has been pleased with what Banks has provided the offense so far. "He came here with his mindset that he was going to help the team in some capacity, whether it was in the kicking game or on offense," Prince said. "I can say that not only has he made the plays that have come to him but he's added a little extra to them. And I think that's a very necessary and needed element to our offense." He hasn't lost a beat since his move from junior college. He currently ranks fifth in the country in receiving yards per game with 112. He ranks 18th in the country with 336 receiving yards and his five touchdowns place him among the top five in all of college football. "We've known what kind of player he was since spring camp," quarterback Josh Freeman said. "We've got to continue to get him the ball and let him do what he does."

Banks said that his size gives him a unique advantage against other teams. "I think I have the advantage over a lot of guys because they look at me and see my size and say, 'I'm going to kill him,'" Banks said. "And that is going to make it worse for them because I'm just going to use my speed and my ability to make them miss." **MOVING PAST THE MURMURS**
It is hard to imagine how someone so small could have so much heart, but spend a few minutes around Banks and it is easy to figure out. He has shown to his teammates and everyone around the country that size doesn't matter. But no matter what he does, there are also going to be a fair share of doubters. "I don't really think about it anymore because after people have seen what I have been able to do, they have to look past my size," Banks said. His second dream is to someday play in the National Football League. He looks up to small guys in the NFL like Santana Moss (Washington), and Dante Hall (St. Louis), as

inspirations. He has already accomplished his first dream. He is playing football at K-State.

FAMOUS SMALL RECEIVERS

- Aaron Lockett 5-7 165
Though he was hampered by injuries during much of his Wildcat career, Lockett was similar to Banks in both his size and speed.
- Steve Smith 5-9 185
The all-pro receiver has been a mianstay in for the Carolina Panthers for several years in both the receiving game and return game.
- Santana Moss 5-10 200
Through eight seasons in the NFL, Moss has caught 40 touchdowns and amassed almost 6,000 yards receiving.
- Dante Hall 5-8 187
The "X-factor" broke all kinds of return records for the Chiefs a few years ago. He is still returning for the Rams.
- Troy Brown 5-10 196
Brown retired this season after 15 seasons with the New England Patriots, finishing as their leading career receiver.

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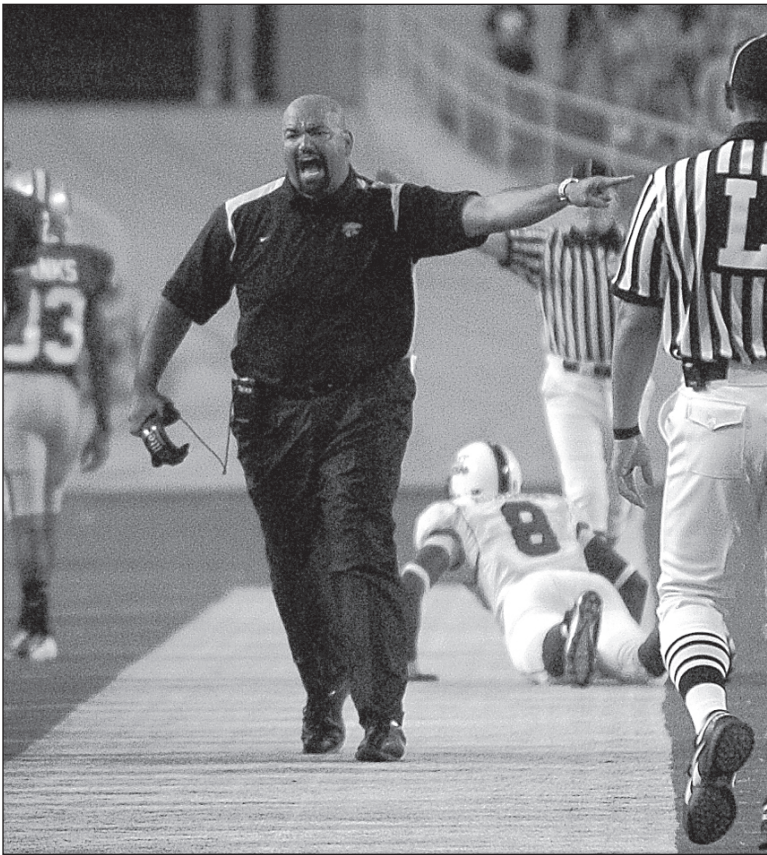
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Wildcats need to take advantage of national TV exposure



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO
Coach Ron Prince yells to the team during the opening game against North Texas. After scheduling many high-profile opponent, his K-State teams have not excelled during national television appearances.



JUSTIN NUTTER

Ron Prince has made it known how he feels about nationally televised games. "Really, it makes your program come alive," Prince said in a news conference earlier this month. "You're not just another name in a box score. That's the power of being a consistent performer on television ..."

However, it's what the K-State coach said next that had me scratching my head. "... but you usually have to win and be pretty good to get that done," he said.

During his tenure at K-State, Prince has shown what a no-fear attitude can do to a football program. He's shown his team can compete on the road, hang with

top-notch opponents and contend for postseason appearances. Sure, the Wildcats didn't earn a bowl bid last season, but they were just one win shy. Prince's career record might not be anything to gawk at, but he's shown that his team is willing to take on any challenge.

But when those challenges are presented in a national spotlight, Prince's team has a history of falling apart. If you include the two games shown on the Versus Network last season and the 2006 Texas Bowl – shown on the NFL Network – K-State has posted a 1-7 record in games shown across the country in Prince's career. Note that ABC aired K-State's wins over Texas in 2006 and 2007, but both games only received regional coverage.

The team's lone victory came in a 47-20 romp of Colorado on ESPN2 last year. Take that game out of the equation, and the numbers are downright ugly.

In the remaining seven contests, the Wildcats gave up 38.7 points per game and were outscored 271-138. Aside from the 23-13 loss against then-No. 18 Auburn in last season's opener, none of the losses were even

close.

Prince has preached the importance of high-profile games and big-time opponents ever since he arrived in Manhattan, which explains why he inked contracts to play future series against UCLA, Miami and Virginia Tech. But how can a team help its reputation if it is getting crushed in front of the whole nation every time the cameras turn on?

The Wildcats had their first national test of the season at Louisville, and by most accounts - including Prince's – they blew the opportunity in a 38-29 loss.

"Obviously, with the outcome we failed miserably," Prince said in a postgame interview. "We need to do better, I need to coach better, and I need to make our team understand how these teams need to be played."

He'll get the opportunity to back those words up, as ABC has elected to air K-State's matchup with No. 10 Texas Tech on Oct. 4.

National TV or not, upending the Red Raiders will be far from easy, as they feature a high-octane offensive unit that is averaging more than 45 points per game

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Ragin' Cajun running game could cause problems for Cats

By Mike DeVader
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After getting shredded by a dominant Louisville running game and giving up an astounding 303 rushing yards last week, the Wildcats will get a chance to redeem themselves at home this Saturday against another impressive running attack.

Louisiana-Lafayette (1-2) is coming off a 44-27 win against Kent State last week. Two weeks ago, the Ragin' Cajuns took No. 24 Illinois to the wire before falling, 20-17.

They bring the 11th-best rushing offense to Manhattan, averaging 255 yards per game on the ground.

Ron Hudson, offensive

coordinator for Louisiana-Lafayette, said the outcome of the Louisville game didn't change his team's view of K-State.

"We still think K-State has a great defense with good athletes and a lot of young guys who are playing more," Hudson said. "We have to remain poised and execute what we are calling, and if we do that, it will give us the best chance to be successful. We need to focus on what we do well, embrace it, and it's going to be a great challenge."

For the first time this year, the Wildcats will face a dynamic rushing game with the threat of mobile quarterback Michael Desormeaux, who has 338 yards rushing and two touchdowns in three games.

Louisiana-Lafayette also

touts three-time All-Sun Belt Conference running back Tyrell Fenroy.

The threat of more than one playmaker in the Ragin' Cajuns' backfield is a concern for coach Ron Prince.

"They have the top rushing quarterback in the country, the all-time leading rusher at the school is the tailback who stands next to him, and they do a variety of things with the ball to various people on the defensive front in conflict," Prince said. "You hear a lot about the terms called dual-threat quarterback, and I think of all the ones I have seen, this one might be the best one."

Playing a mobile quarterback in the next game after getting run over by an offense might not be good timing, but senior

defensive end Ian Campbell thinks rectifying the defensive situation goes back once again to fundamentals.

"Guys are there. I've watched the film twice on TV and twice in the film room," Campbell said. "It all goes back to guys making the tackles when they are there and doing their job. There was assignment errors and that cost us big."

The X-factor in the game could once again be special teams, as Louisiana-Lafayette has 32 blocked kicks since 2002, which is the third-most in the country during that span.

They haven't gone more than five games without blocking a kick. During that same period of time, the Wildcats are sixth in the country with 28.

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Michael Desormeaux, 44-77 for 551 yards, 2 touchdowns and 2 interceptions
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Tyrell Fenroy, 50 rushes for 270 yards and 4 touchdowns.
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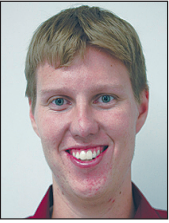
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Wildcats need to change defense to succeed



COLE MANBECK

The landscape of college football has changed. Many teams have adopted the spread offense, particularly in the Big 12.

The spread is geared toward getting the ball in space and making guys miss. The shutdown defenses of the past have become non-existent in most of today's games because of the spread attack. It has become a game of which team can outscore the other.

Because of the spread, K-State coach Ron Prince thought it would be a good idea to switch to the 3-4 defense. The idea was to put more speed on the field to match up with the abundance of teams that use the spread, which puts as many as five receivers on the field at once.

It seemed like a good idea at first, but it has been an utter and complete failure so far. Adjustments are needed.

The Wildcats don't have the personnel to run a 3-4 defense. It requires big defensive linemen at all three positions to occupy the offensive linemen from getting to the linebackers, who are the playmakers in



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO
Free Safety **Chris Carney** attempts to tackle the Louisville running back during the nationally televised game last Wednesday night.

the scheme.

Ian Campbell is undersized for a defensive end in the system and would be much better suited in a 4-3. The teams that run a successful 3-4 defense have linemen all across the front that weigh an average of 285 pounds at minimum.

The 3-4 is predicated on creating confusion. What it has created at K-State is a finesse style of defense.

The 4-3 scheme uses four defensive linemen – two bulky tackles and two quicker ends – and three linebackers. The basic philosophy of the 4-3 is a strong, physical attack up

front.

The Louisville game was the tipping point.

The Wildcats missed a lot of tackles against Louisville, but most of it was simply a matter of being out of position. The Cardinals were continually able to run the ball up the middle.

To shut down the interior running game, K-State pinched down the defensive ends to try and shut that down while bringing the two outside linebackers up to the line of scrimmage.

Louisville adjusted. They faked the run up the middle

See DEFENSE, Page 8

KEYS TO VICTORY

WRAP UP

Against Louisville, the Wildcats gave up several runs of 10 yards or more. K-State could have minimized those big runs.

Several times the Wildcats had a chance to tackle Cardinal ball carriers for no gain or a loss. However, poor fundamentals in tackling resulted in K-State giving up several big rushes. Louisiana-Lafayette's quarterback, Michael Desormeaux, and running back, Tyrell Fenroy, have the ability to rush for 100 yards.

ASSIGNMENT SOUND

While the tackling against Louisville was atrocious, it was made even worse by linemen and linebackers playing out of position. Every defender has an area that they need to control. When one of those players goes the wrong way or is pushed out of the way, it creates wide cutback lanes for running backs.

IF YOU CAN'T RUSH HERE, YOU CAN'T RUSH ANYWHERE

Louisiana-Lafayette has the second worst rush defense in the nation, giving up about 282 yards a game. The Wildcats average only 124 rushing yards. This is the perfect opportunity for the running backs and offensive linemen to gain some confidence.

GET FREEMAN BACK ON TRACK

Against Louisville, Freeman was involved with all three of the Wildcats' turnovers. Those were his only three turnovers of the season. With K-State's weak running game and weaker defense, Freeman must play nearly perfect to give his team a shot.

HELP THE DEFENSE

Time of possession has not been a strong area for the Wildcats. Their opponents have controlled the ball for an average of five more minutes a game. Against Louisville, the Cardinals had possession for twice as long as the Wildcats. The defense needs some rest.

—Compiled by Jon Garten

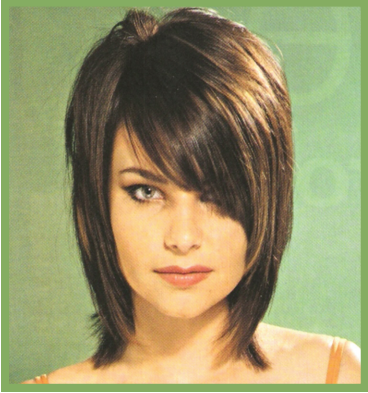
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Big 12 breakdown

Quarterbacks are still head of the class in conference

The quarterbacks were again the catalysts for most Big 12 teams this past weekend. Missouri QB Chase Daniel turned in yet another solid performance, further solidifying his status as a Heisman Trophy candidate. Big 12 teams have only lost eight games this season, four by teams in the south and four by teams in the north.

NORTH DIVISION



Missouri (4-0) AP: No. 6
Last week: Defeated Buffalo 42-21
This week: Bye week
Key Player: **QB Chase Daniel** is continuing his quest to become the Heisman Trophy winner. Through four games, he has a 193.4 passer rating, and has thrown for 1,412 yards and 12 TDs against just one interception.



Nebraska (3-0) AP: RV
Last week: Bye
This week: vs. Virginia Tech
Key Player: **QB Joe Ganz** has 719 passing yards and five touchdowns. He has also rushed for 105 yards and one touchdown.



K-State (2-1) AP: NR
Last week: Lost to Louisville 38-29
This week: vs. Louisiana-Lafayette
Key Player: **WR Brandon Banks** provided the early spark for the Wildcats against Louisville with a touchdown catch. He is the team's leading receiver with 336 yards and five touchdowns.



Colorado (3-0) AP: RV

Last week: Defeated No. 21 West Virginia 17-14
This week: at Florida State
Key Player: **QB Cody Hawkins** threw two touchdown passes in the Buffaloes 17-14 win against the Mountaineers. The coach's son has six touchdown passes through three games this season.



Iowa State (2-2) AP: NR
Last week: Lost to UNLV 34-31 (OT)
This week: Bye
Key Player: **QB Austen Arnaud** completed threw for two touchdowns and ran for two touchdowns and 51 yards against UNLV, but the Cyclones came up short in overtime.



Kansas (3-1) AP: No. 18
Last week: Defeated Sam Houston State 38-14
This week: Bye
Key Player: **QB Todd Reesing** has thrown for 1,405 yards and 11 touchdowns in nonconference play. He lead the team in a strong rebound win to Sam Houston State after a tough loss to South Florida.

SOUTH DIVISION



Texas Tech (4-0) AP: No. 10
Last week: Defeated Massachusetts 56-14
This week: Bye
Key Player: **QB Graham Harrell** has thrown for 1,573 yards and 12 touchdowns, and is the centerpiece of the Red Raiders traditionally high-powered offense.



Oklahoma (3-0) AP: No. 2
Last week: Bye
This week: vs. No. 24 TCU

Key Player: **QB Sam Bradford** has thrown for 882 yards and 12 touchdowns. With a quarterback rating of 214.4, Bradford could push Missouri QB Chase Daniel for the Heisman.



Oklahoma St. (3-0) AP: RV
Last week: Bye
This week: vs. Troy
Key Player: **RB Kendall Hunter** is averaging eight yards per carry and has rushed for six touchdowns. Oklahoma State is averaging 334 yards rushing per game, which is second out of all FBS teams.



Texas (3-0) AP: No. 7
Last week: Defeated Rice 52-10.
This week: vs. Arkansas
Key Player: **QB Colt McCoy** has thrown for 833 yards and 11 touchdowns. He has also gained 194 yards on the ground.



Baylor (2-2) AP: NR
Last week: Lost to Connecticut 31-28
This week: Bye
Key Player: **QB Robert Griffin** has passed for 756 yards and seven touchdowns. The true-freshman, dual-threat quarterback is also the team's leading rusher with 334 yards.



Texas A&M (1-2) AP: NR
Last week: Lost to Miami 41-23
This week: vs. Army
Key Player: **QB Jerrod Johnson** stepped in for the injured Stephen McGee and threw for 275 yards and three touchdowns in last week's loss.

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TODAY		
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11 a.m.	Maryland at No. 20 Clemson	ESPN360.com
11 a.m.	Michigan State at Indiana	ESPN, ESPN360.com
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2:43 p.m.	Purdue at Notre Dame	NBC
2:45 p.m.	Navy at No. 16 Wake Forest	ESPNU
3:06 p.m.	Bowling Green at Wyoming	The Mtn.
6 p.m.	Western Kentucky at Kentucky	ESPN360.com
6 p.m.	UAB at South Carolina	ESPN360.com
6:30 p.m.	Mississippi State at No. 5 LSU	ESPN2, ESPN360.com
6:30 p.m.	No. 13 South Florida at N.C. State	ESPNU
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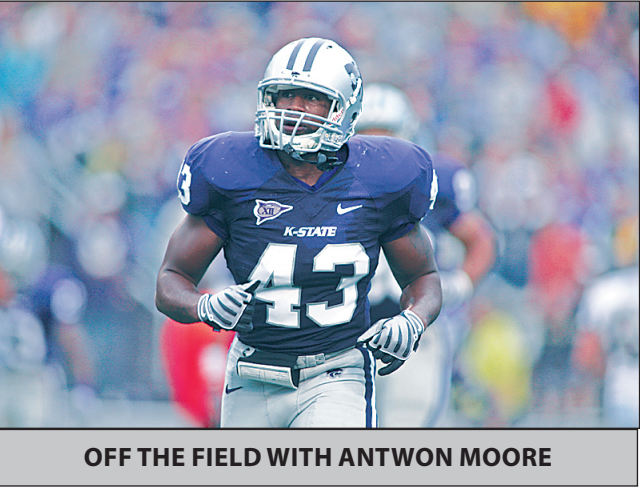
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OFF THE FIELD WITH ANTWON MOORE

By Justin Nutter
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After a promising start to the 2007 campaign, linebacker Antwon Moore, now a senior, went down with a season-ending knee injury in just the second game of the year.

Moore, a former three-sport star from Ponca City, Okla., is now healthy and back on the field. In the Wildcats' first three games, he tallied 10 total tackles, including one behind the line of scrimmage, and forced a fumble.

The junior college transfer from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M recently discussed several topics

ranging from the disappointment of having to watch most of last season from the sidelines, to growing up in Big 12 country.

Q: How did it feel to have to sit and watch your team last year?
A: Man, it was very troubling. I hated watching the guys in my position doing the things that I could be out there doing. It hurt to just watch.

Q: How does it feel to be able to contribute again?
A: It feels good. I'm very excited to be back. You know, it's a blessing to be able to come back from a knee injury like that and to be able to be effective.

Q: What was it like to make the transition from a junior college to a major Division-I program?
A: The hardest thing was the playbook. At junior college, if you're a good player, they just tell you to play defense. It's a lot faster. Other than that, the whole atmosphere is way different. I came from an area where the crowd was 150 on a lucky day, so that was a major difference.

Q: Were you a Big 12 fan growing up since you grew up in the area?
A: You know, whenever you're from Oklahoma, I was obviously a fan of OSU and OU, but I realized that wasn't my type of area. I wanted to be not too far from home, but not too close.

Q: How did you end up here at K-State?
A: Coach (Tim) McCarty came up to Northeastern and talked to me and told me they wanted me. At the time, I

was majoring in human resources, so I was mainly trying to go to a school for my schooling. My uncle went to school up here, and he told me how good of a field they had. There was a very high graduating class of human resources majors. I looked into that, and out of the schools I had options to, there was a better field here. I came up on a visit, and I enjoyed the people who were here. It felt like home when I got here.

Q: What drove you toward football after playing so many sports in high school?
A: I've always played it, even when I was in little league. I started in the third grade. My older brother played football. My friends and my family members, they always played and they were always effective. I wanted to be that kind of guy that everyone in my neighborhood talks about, and I saw myself doing better in football.

Q: Are there any guys on the team that you like to hang out with off the field?
A: I hang out with a lot of guys, but the main guys who I really hang out with are Reggie Walker and Ian Campbell. We all call each other and go out to eat and those kinds of things, but those are the main two who I mainly hang out with.

Q: What kind of stuff do you like to do outside of football?
A: I like to put cars together. You know, I'm a car guy. My hobby is to buy pieces of crap – junk cars – and fix them up, sell them, and toy with them to see if they can be used again. Other than that, I love dogs. I raise pitbulls. I train them and raise them up.

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with simple misdirection plays and pitched the ball to the tailback on the outside. The outside linebackers lost contain because they were up at the line pinching down trying to shut down the interior run game.

It led to two big touchdown runs for the Cardinals.

K-State has now been exposed on film, and teams will replicate what Louisville did until changes are made.

It's time for Prince to make a bold and daring move and get back to the basic 4-3.

Fans have clamored for the Wildcats to get out of the 3-4 since the four-game debacle that ended last year's season. Will Prince adjust? Or will he continue to try and hammer a square peg through a round hole?

The 3-4 defense is not a fit in college football. Very few teams run it successfully at this level. It's time to scrap the plan and make a change. And if that change isn't made soon, the Wildcats could be in for another long season.

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this year. That's bad news for K-State's defensive unit, which featured its "Swiss cheese" package for much of the night against Louisville.

Prince had his head in the right place when he said national exposure would help the program improve, but so far, the team only has managed to shoot itself in the foot. If the Wildcats can't start producing some wins when the nation is tuned in, then it would probably be a good idea to turn the cameras off.

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